

**THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Purpose of Committee

The purpose of a Parent Involvement Committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

The Parent Involvement Committee of the Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Penetanguishene (PSSB) shall achieve its purpose by:

- (a) providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board;
- (b) communicating with and supporting the School Council of Burkevale Protestant Separate School; and
- (c) undertaking activities to help parents of pupils at Burkevale Protestant Separate School support their children's learning at home and at school.

The Committee shall:

- (a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Supervisory Officer could use to effectively communicate with parents and to effectively engage parents in improving student achievement and well-being;
- (b) advise the Board and the Supervisory Officer on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to in clause (a);
- (c) communicate information from the Ministry of Education to the School Council of Burkevale Protestant Separate School and to parents of pupils of the school;
- (d) work with the School Council of Burkevale Protestant Separate School through the Supervisory Officer, with employees of the Board to:
 - (I) share effective practices to help engage parents, especially parents who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning;
 - (II) identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement;
 - (III) help ensure that the school creates a welcoming environment for parents of its pupils, and

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- (IV) develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent Involvement Committee and the School Council with their work; and
- (e) determine, in consultation with the Supervisory Officer and in keeping with the Board's policies, how funding, is to be used.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least four times in each school year.

A meeting of the Committee cannot be held unless:

- (a) a majority of the members present at the meeting are parent members;
- (b) the Supervisory Officer is present; and
- (c) the Board Member who sits on the Committee is present.

The Parent Involvement Committee provides written/verbal reports to the Board as a whole, as needed.